

APPROVED: Meeting No. 26-91

ATTEST: *Sharon Gran*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 19-91

May 13, 1991

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in General Session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on May 13, 1991, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember James F. Coyle

Councilmember Viola D. Hovsepien

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember David Robbins

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Sharon Gran and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: City Manager's Report

1. With respect to the West Montgomery Avenue project, we have been unable to get the long promised State funds for the State's share and, recently, it was reported from a high level source in the State Highway Administration that funding is unlikely to be forthcoming until FY92. We are in regular and direct contact with our representatives in Annapolis regarding this matter.

2. As a follow-up to the recent Cabin John Lake informational meeting, staff is preparing detailed answers to every question raised during the meeting. We received a communication from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments subsequent to the meeting indicating that, from a water quality performance standpoint, the lake is the preferred alternative to an extended detention dry pond.

Meeting No. 19-91

2

May 13, 1991

3. As an alternative to the "Adopt-a-Road" program, the City plans to implement a new clean up program, "Keep It Clean," by June 3. This program is designed to create public awareness of environmental needs by allowing organizations, businesses and individuals to "sponsor" a public open space. The sponsor will be responsible for maintaining a litter-free area.

Re: Proclamation declaring May
27, 1991, Memorial Day, as
Rockville Poppy Day.

Proclamation No. 10-91

By a unanimous vote of the Mayor and Council, May 27, 1991, Memorial Day, was declared "Rockville Poppy Day." Councilmember Hovsepien read the Proclamation, the full text of which can be found in Proclamation File No. 6 of the Mayor and Council. Erin Duffy, the 1991 Poppy Girl, distributed poppies and Marilyn Rykoskey of Henderson Smith Edmonds Unit #86, American Legion Auxiliary, accepted the Proclamation.

Re: Proclamation declaring May,
1991, as **Drug and Alcohol
Abuse Prevention Month** in
Rockville.

Proclamation No. 11-91

By a unanimous vote of the Mayor and Council, May, 1991 was declared "Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Month" in Rockville. Councilmember Robbins read the Proclamation, the full text of which can be found in Proclamation File No. 6 of the Mayor and Council. Melvin Hall of the Community Action Team of East Rockville accepted the Proclamation.

Re: Proclamation declaring the
week of June 2-8, 1991, as
Safe Boating Week.

Proclamation No. 12-91

Meeting No. 19-91

3

May 13, 1991

By a unanimous vote of the Mayor and Council, the week of June 2-8, 1991, was declared "Safe Boating Week." Councilmember Marrinan read the Proclamation, the full text of which can be found in Proclamation File No. 6 of the Mayor and Council. Dennis Kricezk of the Rockville Power Squadron accepted the Proclamation.

Re: Proclamation declaring the
week of May 12-18, 1991, as
Historic Preservation Week in
Rockville.

Proclamation No. 13-91

By a unanimous vote of the Mayor and Council, the week of May 12-18, 1991, was declared "Historic Preservation Week" in Rockville. Councilmember Coyle read the Proclamation, the full text of which can be found in Proclamation File No. 6 of the Mayor and Council. Helen Hillstrom, President of Peerless Rockville, accepted the Proclamation.

Re: Presentation of Peerless
Rockville's 13th Annual Awards
for Historic Preservation.

Helen Hillstrom, President of Peerless Rockville, introduced the winner of the Historic Architectural Element Identification Contest, Bob Ekman, and thanked the judges for their efforts.

The individuals who received Honorable Mention in this year's Historic Preservation awards were announced as Mimi and Bill Sacks, 512 Carr Avenue, for landscaping, and Dan and Mary Barrett, 236 Great Falls Road, for ongoing renovation.

Montgomery County Councilmember Bruce Adams presented Peggy and Sandy Linthicum of 15 Wall Street with their award for compatibility and subtlety of addition and placement of plantings.

Larry Willets and Judith A. Rosenblum, 117 West Montgomery Avenue, were recognized for structural repair and reinforcement, reversal of inappropriate interior

Meeting No. 19-91

4

May 13, 1991

alterations of their home at 117 W. Montgomery Avenue. State Senator Mary Boergers presented Mr. Willets with the award.

Judy Hruz, Editor, Rockville Gazette, presented Wendy and Bill Goetzenberger with their award for quality of design, materials, proportion and construction of their new home at 12 Forest Avenue.

R. L. McGlaughlin, Rimac & Associates, received an award for preservation and renovation of a log home and compatible addition at 14615 Avery Road. The award was presented to Mr. McGlaughlin and owner, Mrs. Clyde Shiraki, by Pat Reber, Managing Editor, The Express Newspapers.

Delegate Michael Gordon presented an award to Michael Patterson for his many years of dedicated, professional volunteer service to Rockville's Historic District Commission.

Re: Citizens' Forum

At this time, the Mayor opened the meeting to hear from any citizen who wished to address the Mayor and Council.

1. Garry Elliott, 706 Brent Road, President of the West End Citizens Association, requested that the Mayor and Council deny Zoning Text Amendment Application T-111-90, which would increase the permitted residential density of the O-1 Zone from 60 to 125 units per acre subject to certain restrictions. Mr. Elliott presented the Mayor and Council with a petition, signed by 283 residents, opposing the approval of Text Amendment Application T-111-90.

2. David Freishstat, President of Ring House, referenced Item 12H on the Agenda, and urged the Mayor and Council to move forward with the construction of the public sidewalk on the west side of Jefferson Street between Rollins Avenue and a point 360 feet south (adjacent to Ring House).

Meeting No. 19-91

5

May 13, 1991

3. Steve Abrams, 2290 Dunster Lane, requested that the Mayor and Council remove Item 12G, Motion to approve contract for purchase of Hungerford-Stoneridge Swim Club, from the Consent Agenda. He expressed concern with the amount of money involved and asked that the item be deferred for a week in order to clear up some misconceptions dealing with this issue. He also noted the importance of reexamining the wetlands issue and looking for other means of meeting the wetlands mitigation requirements.

There being no other citizens wishing to be heard, the Mayor closed the Citizens' Forum portion of the meeting.

Re: Presentation by Participants
of Student Government Days

Twenty-four students from four area high schools have worked for three weeks on selected issues related to local government. Each group presented their findings and recommendations to the Mayor and Council as follows.

Group 1: Jeff Goldberg, Rachel Sampson, Lopa Basu, Vincent Woods, Michelle Reiss and Jeff Kaplan (Mentor, Stacy Wood) This group explored the issue of homeless persons being denied an opportunity to work because of their housing situation. They recommended that:

- o The City put up the initial overhead for a pilot housing renovation project to help the homeless of Rockville.
- o The Rockville Housing Authority handle the administration of the program as well as renovation of buildings in Rockville into Single Resident Occupancy units.
- o RHA also handle the social service aspects of the program and continuing management of the units.
- o A two-part education campaign be initiated. Letters would be sent to local employers asking that all persons be given due consideration for employment

Meeting No. 19-91

6

May 13, 1991

regardless of their housing status. Additionally, RHA would provide counseling to these individuals to assist them in job marketing.

The second group, Stephanie Davis, Robert Friedman, Chaley Fuchs, Eric Gordon, Rachel Lieberman and Jon Williams (Mentor, Teresa James), researched the issue of discrimination against youth. The Group developed the following three-point plan for the City to help improve youth relations:

1. Send letters to local businesses informing them of the rights of youth as a means to prevent discriminatory practices. A Students Awareness Symposium was also suggested in order to ensure that students are aware of their rights and responsibilities.

2. With respect to the Rockville Municipal Swim Center, it was suggested that the current policy of "adult swim" be changed to "lap swim," thus giving youth the opportunity to participate.

3. It was recommended that the tennis regulations at Woodley Gardens Park, providing that persons 16 and under must give way to adult play after 5:00 p.m., be changed and an age neutral regulation be adopted in its place.

Group 3, Ethan Susskind, Jack Carmi, Cindy Yu, Michael Kovac, Alyssa Dunn and Joshua Brunner (Mentor, Jeff Parke), chose as its issue the question of a need for increased recreational activities for teens. They recommended that the City initiate and fund a program in which teens who live in or attend school within the corporate limits of Rockville would receive a laminated "teen discount" identification card. When the card is presented at a local business establishment, the teen would receive a certain percentage discount on the retail price, with the percentage being established by each individual merchant.

Participating businesses would receive a window decal similar to the current Rockville Business Watch decal. The acronym "R A T E D" would appear on the decal

Meeting No. 19-91

7

May 13, 1991

indicating to teens that the merchant is a "Rockville Activity Teen Establishment Discount" member.

Funding required from the City is estimated at \$3,000.

The fourth group, Dara Landsberg, Tara Cepaitis, Yao-Chin Chao, Alicia Roffman, Jason Palmer and Cathy Schechterly (Mentor, Steve Mountain), researched the effects of passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in the public sector and new strategies for employing and retaining individuals with disabilities.

Three proposals were developed to respond to this issue: implementation of education and awareness; restructuring of Rockville's facilities for accessibility by the physically disabled; and restructuring of City jobs to accommodate the needs of the disabled in the work place.

The students were congratulated on their fine performance. Following a question and answer period, the students and their mentors were presented with Certificates by the Mayor and Council.

Re: Appointments

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Charles Haughey and Gladys Lipton were appointed to two-year terms on the Advisory Commission on Public Education.

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, George Northway was reappointed to a two-year term on the Cultural Arts Commission.

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Lucinda Hall was appointed to a five-year term on the Planning Commission.

Upon motion of Councilmember Robbins, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Charles Carroccio was reappointed to a two-year term on the Recreation and Park Advisory Board.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed,

Meeting No. 19-91

8

May 13, 1991

Charlene Janes was reappointed to a three-year term on the Rockville Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors.

Re: Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded, with Councilmember Robbins abstaining, the minutes of Meeting No. 9-91 (April 8, 1991) were approved, as amended.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of Meeting No. 10-91 (April 11, 1991) were approved, as written.

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded, with Councilmember Robbins abstaining, the minutes of Meeting No. 11-91 (April 15, 1991) were approved, as written.

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded, with Councilmember Coyle abstaining, the minutes of Meeting No. 12-91 (April 17, 1991) were approved, as written.

Upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepien, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of Meeting No. 13-91 (April 22, 1991) were approved, as amended.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of Meeting No. 14-91 (April 24, 1991) were approved, as amended.

Upon motion of Councilmember Robbins, duly seconded, with Mayor Duncan abstaining, the minutes of Meeting No. 15-91 (April 29, 1991) were approved, as written.

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of Meeting No. 16-91 (May 1, 1991) were approved, as written.

Upon motion of Councilmember Robbins, duly seconded, with Councilmember Coyle abstaining, the minutes of Meeting No. 17-91 (May 7, 1991) were approved, as written.

Re: Consent Agenda

Councilmember Hovsepien requested that Item G be removed from the Consent Agenda. Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

Meeting No. 19-91

9

May 13, 1991

- A. Award of Bid No. 42-91 for the purchase of two trucks, one 20,000 GVWR (with automatic transmission) and one 20,000 GVWR (with manual transmission) from low bidder, District International Trucks, Inc., for \$25,540.14 and \$23,311, respectively.

This purchase will provide two replacement trucks for the Golf Course and Parks Division. Though the amount budgeted for these two vehicles is \$46,000, there are sufficient funds available in the budget for this purchase.

- B. Award of Bid No. 76-91 for the purchase of one 30,000 GVWR Diesel Dump Truck with Automatic Transmission from low bidder, District International Trucks, Inc., for \$35,388.

This purchase will provide a replacement truck for the Parks Division. The amount originally budgeted (\$23,000) was for a downsized vehicle. However, on further review, a larger vehicle is required because of snow plowing and chemical spreading requirements. There are sufficient funds available for this replacement.

- C. Award of Bid No. 79-91 to furnish, deliver and plant trees and shrubs citywide to low bidder, Commercial Lawn & Landscaping, Inc. of Brookeville, Maryland, in the amount of \$32,672.28.

The budgeted amount is \$36,000.

- D. Adoption of Resolution No. 8-91, the full text of which can be found in Resolution Book No. 10 of the Mayor and Council, to approve a request for waiver of the requirements of Chapter 21, Rockville City Code, to allow construction of Southlawn Court without a sidewalk

Meeting No. 19-91

10

May 13, 1991

on the north side of the road.

- E. Motion to approve direction to the Recreation and Park Advisory Board to examine relationships between the City of Rockville and organized recreational/cultural/civic groups utilizing City facilities. The review is to consider standardization of formal agreements that will be of mutual benefit to both partners with emphasis on the City's best interests.

- F. Motion to approve funding for the June 28-30, 1991 Anniversary Celebration weekend in honor of the 100th anniversary of Lincoln Park.

This funding in the amount of \$2,460 will enable the Lincoln Park 100th Anniversary Planning Committee to conduct festivities during the weekend of June 28-30, 1991. The Targets of Opportunity is the funding source.

- H. Motion to authorize construction of a public sidewalk on the west side of Jefferson Street between Rollins Avenue and a point 360 feet south, with 90% of the cost to be reimbursed by Montgomery County in FY92.

In order to expedite the construction of this needed sidewalk, the City will undertake the project and advance the project costs. In FY92, Montgomery County will reimburse the City for 90% of the estimated total cost of \$55,000.

Re: Motion to approve a contract to purchase a 5.5 acre parcel of land on Cabin John Parkway from the Hungerford-Stoneridge Swimming Club, Inc. for the purchase price of \$1,400,000.

This acquisition is part of the Ritchie Parkway wetlands

Meeting No. 19-91

11

May 13, 1991

mitigation project. The purchase of this parcel will allow the creation of three acres of new wetlands which are part of a mitigation plan approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Councilmember Hovsepian had requested that this Item (G) be removed from the Consent Agenda in order to ask the City Manager to provide certain information as to how much the citizens of Rockville will be paying in total for this purchase and what projects would have to be deleted or delayed in the CIP should this contract be approved. Because these figures were not available at the time of the public hearing, Councilmember Hovsepian indicated that it is necessary to have this information available for public comment now.

The City Manager responded that with respect to the total costs to acquire, assuming that three acres are needed, the cost would be shared between the City and County and, based on the agreement with Montgomery County, \$538,000 would be forthcoming from them to reduce the City's portion to \$861,000.

Councilmember Hovsepian indicated that when she had gone through the numbers a number of months earlier, it seemed the County was paying 43%, the City 18%, with 39% from special assessments. In response to her question as to how much tax revenue the Swim Club property generates, staff advised that based on the current assessment, it would be approximately \$2,168 in FY92.

If the City later wishes to sell the 2.5 acres not used for wetlands, Councilmember Marrinan asked how much revenue would be returned to the City. Assuming the City did not seek reimbursement from the County for the 2.5 acre parcel, the City would be totally free to dispose of the parcel and retain the proceeds.

With respect to any time constraints the wetlands project may impose on this purchase, the City Attorney advised that it was the express desire of the sellers to

Meeting No. 19-91

12

May 13, 1991

close by June 30. However, the wetlands do not have to be constructed and in place until February, 1992, according to the City Manager. The City recently submitted its final plan for wetlands mitigation to the State which includes a notation that the City is proceeding to acquire this property.

The City Manager advised Councilmember Hovsepian that the costs for the Ritchie Parkway project have been escalating over the years, and staff has tried to anticipate the extra costs and adjust the CIP accordingly. Some increased project costs have been anticipated and, therefore, the entire \$1.4 million would not have to be found in the CIP. Approximately \$490,000 in projects would have to be moved out in the CIP which may include portions of the concrete maintenance program and/or the smoothseal program. Councilmember Hovsepian noted that the \$490,000 equates to approximately 2 1/2 cents on the tax rate.

Councilmember Hovsepian moved to defer action on this item until written information is made available on the costs of the purchase of the Hungerford Pool and until the public has had an opportunity to comment thereon. Councilmember Robbins seconded the motion for discussion purposes.

Councilmember Coyle stated that fairly detailed information had been provided when discussions were held concerning the use of Dogwood Park or the Swim Club property as well as a portion of Woodmont Country Club. Councilmember Hovsepian disagreed, noting that the concept was discussed but not the figures.

Mayor Duncan referenced a memorandum from Economic Development indicating that the in-house appraisal of the Swim Club property was \$1.6 million. This memorandum was available for public comment at the public hearing and prior to the public hearing. Because this information was previously available to the public and inasmuch as the purchase price is less than the earlier stated amount, he did not see any reason to defer approval.

Meeting No. 19-91

13

May 13, 1991

Councilmember Robbins indicated that he feels a new analysis is warranted although the purchase of the pool may be the only viable alternative.

The two appraisals for the Hungerford pool property were approximately \$1.45 million and \$1.9 million, with an average of approximately \$1.6 million. Normally, the two appraisals are averaged and an offer is made based on the average price. The sales price is less than the lowest appraisal and, if the City were to sell the residual 2.5 acres, as much as \$625,000 in revenue could be realized.

It was noted that all costs of providing wetlands would be considered a special benefit of the project and added to the total cost of the project. The County has committed to 70.5% of the project costs, and the City would recapture its total costs over the 20-year period of the special assessment levy.

As to questions raised regarding the Swim Club membership and beneficiaries of the proceeds of this purchase, Mayor Duncan stated that the City did not request a list of members when property was purchased from the Woodmont Country Club for the Ritchie Parkway project.

Councilmember Coyle indicated that he feels strongly that the City should go forward with this purchase.

Councilmember Robbins asked if there are any restrictions on types of development in the use of the 2.5 acres that would not be designated for wetlands. The City Manager responded that he is not aware of anything that would restrict the ability to build (other than zoning). He advised Councilmember Robbins that the property could be used for townhouse development.

Councilmember Marrinan asked when the next opportunity would occur for the Mayor and Council to take action on this item and noted that a financial analysis of how it would work between the City and County would be helpful.

Councilmember Hovsepien asked what projects would be deferred this year in

Meeting No. 19-91

14

May 13, 1991

order to fund this purchase, indicating that it is important to have this information now in order to make a decision. Mayor Duncan noted that this could be decided in the CIP worksession.

As to other decisions remaining for the Ritchie Parkway project, the City Manager advised that the purchase of one acre from Woodmont Country Club is still outstanding, and there are a number of alternatives being reviewed in negotiations for this acquisition. This would probably occur in FY92 and may not have an effect until the FY93 budget.

Councilmember Marrinan stated that it is clear that the City is committed to purchasing the pool for wetlands mitigation. However, he supports the motion inasmuch as he feels more information is required on the fiscal impact to the City of this purchase. Councilmember Robbins agreed, indicating that he sensed that as much detail and analysis as possible should be made available as well as the long-term ramifications of the purchase.

Upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepian, duly seconded, with Councilmembers Hovsepian, Marrinan and Robbins voting aye and Mayor Duncan and Councilmember Coyle voting nay, action on the authorization to purchase a 5.5 acre parcel of land on Cabin John Parkway from the Hungerford-Stoneridge Swim Club, Inc. for the purchase price of \$1,400,000 was deferred until the meeting of May 20, 1991.

Re: Adoption of Resolution to amend Section 2 of Article III, "Board of Supervisors of Elections; Members; Duties" of the Charter of the City of Rockville so as to provide for staggered terms for the Board members beginning in June, 1991.

Resolution No. 9-91

Councilmember Hovsepian noted that Article III, Section 2(c) provides that

Meeting No. 19-91

15

May 13, 1991

the Board of Supervisors of Elections may appoint election clerks or other employees to assist it in any of its duties. She commented that other boards and commission are not authorized to appoint or hire individuals, and there should perhaps be a change in the Charter to recognize that individuals are hired by staff rather than by the Board. She requested that this matter be referred to the City Attorney. The City Attorney responded that this Charter language should be reviewed in the context of the new elections ordinance to ensure that they are consistent.

Upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepian, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Resolution No. 9-91, the full text of which can be found in Resolution Book No. 10 of the Mayor and Council, was adopted to amend Section 2 of Article III of the Charter of the City of Rockville to provide for staggered terms for the members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections beginning in 1991. The initial terms of two members appointed in 1991 shall be for one year or until their respective successors are appointed and qualified, and the initial terms of the three remaining members appointed in 1991 shall be for three years or until their successors are appointed and qualified, so that the terms of two members shall be staggered with respect to the terms of the other three members.

Re: Motion to approve continuation of agreement with Foulger Pratt, Inc. to exclusively market the City's Middle Lane parcel to the General Services Administration.

The City Manager noted that this agreement will allow the City and Foulger Pratt to continue joint efforts to secure a GSA user for City-owned property on Middle Lane. However, the proposal does not preclude the City from pursuing a relationship with another developer to negotiate with non-GSA tenants.

Meeting No. 19-91

16

May 13, 1991

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Mayor and Council approved the continuation of the agreement with Foulger Pratt, Inc. to exclusively market the City's Middle Lane parcel to the General Services Administration.

Re: Discussion and Instructions to Staff - authorization to file a text amendment to amend the definition of "variance" in Chapter 25, Zoning and Planning, Rockville City Code to establish a more flexible zoning variance standard consistent with the recent amendments to State law authorizing local governing bodies to specify the applicable standard by which variances may be granted.

The City Attorney noted that, at the initiation of the City of Rockville, the General Assembly of Maryland passed legislation amending the term "variance" for jurisdictions which have zoning and planning authority pursuant to Article 66B of the Annotated Code. The law authorizes local governing bodies to specify the applicable standard by which variances may be granted. Staff proposes to initiate a text amendment authorizing a variance on the grounds of either unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty.

It is suggested that this text amendment application also include a number of minor housekeeping amendments as follows: delete the prohibition of filing a local map amendment application for the RPC Zone; add residential uses as permitted uses in the O-2, Transitional Office, Zone; add a special restriction for retailing of computers in the I-3 Zone; and correct the tables of uses regarding child care homes and centers.

Upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepian, duly seconded and unanimously passed, staff was instructed to proceed to file the text amendment as outlined above and to refer

Meeting No. 19-91

17

May 13, 1991

same to the Planning Commission.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

Historic District Commission - Courthouse Square Redesign

Councilmember Marrinan commented that there seems to be a perception on the part of one of the City's commissions that there was not enough input gathered regarding this project. The decision has been made in this matter, and it was agreed that ample opportunity had been provided for input.

Letter from Roald Schrack re County Cable Matters

Staff will review the plans regarding hub interconnects, standby power, etc. as well as Mr. Schrack's suggestion that "video fingerprinting" be incorporated as an activity for Hometown Holidays.

David Thomas Letter re Text Amendment Application T-111-90

Mayor Duncan requested that Mr. Thomas' letter be made a part of the record in this matter and that staff send the traffic analysis they are preparing to Mr. Thomas upon completion.

Letter from County Councilmember Dacek re Detention Center

Councilmember Marrinan expressed concern that there did not seem to be a clear understanding of the agreement that the modular units at the Detention Center were approved for temporary capacity only. The County has approved the construction of a new Countywide facility, and Mayor Duncan does not feel this issue requires clarification at this time.

Re: New Business

FAIR Committee Meeting

Councilmember Coyle briefed the Mayor and Council regarding his recent attendance at the Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting of the National League of Cities. Some of the major issues discussed were: funds

Meeting No. 19-91

18

May 13, 1991

for federally mandated programs; taxing authority given to jurisdictions; the banking situation; Fair Labor Standards Act-exempt employees; and the military base closing issue. He provided staff with follow-up information.

Rockville Volunteer Fire Department Video

Arrangements are being made for the 15-minute video produced by RVFD to be shown prior to the screening of the movie "Backdraft." The video must be converted to 35mm film, and Councilmember Coyle had been approached to determine if the City would be interested in contributing toward the \$4,000 conversion cost. Staff will follow up on this request, and Mayor Duncan noted that the video is being shown on Rockville cable.

Veterans Park

Councilmember Robbins observed that a number of the trees in Veterans Park are dying and asked if there is an explanation for this situation. Staff responded that it is not unusual to lose a number of trees and, within the next four weeks, replacement trees will be planted.

Dogwood Park

Mayor Duncan stated that there are a number of items remaining to be completed at the park such as the picnic tables, pay phone, etc. He requested that staff provide a time frame within which these items would be completed.

Rockville Baseball Association

Mayor Duncan referenced the issue of the Rockville Baseball Association (RBBA) holding "tryouts" for the Senior Division teams which it is registering with the Montgomery Baseball Association. Letters have been received from parents complaining that they were not notified of these "tryouts" or expressing concern that not all of the kids would be able to play. Staff noted that the RBBA has indicated that these are not really "tryouts" and that it was perhaps a mistake to use that phrase.

Meeting No. 19-91

19

May 13, 1991

This is a major policy change for RBBA which was not approved by the Mayor and Council. Mayor Duncan requested that staff get a roster of juniors who played last year and would be eligible for the Senior Division this year. These kids should be contacted and advised that the City will form its own Senior Division teams to ensure that all interested individuals have the opportunity to participate. Staff was requested to advertise the formation of the teams and to move quickly with their formation so that there would be ample time to play.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m., to convene again in Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. on May 14, 1991, or at the call of the Mayor.